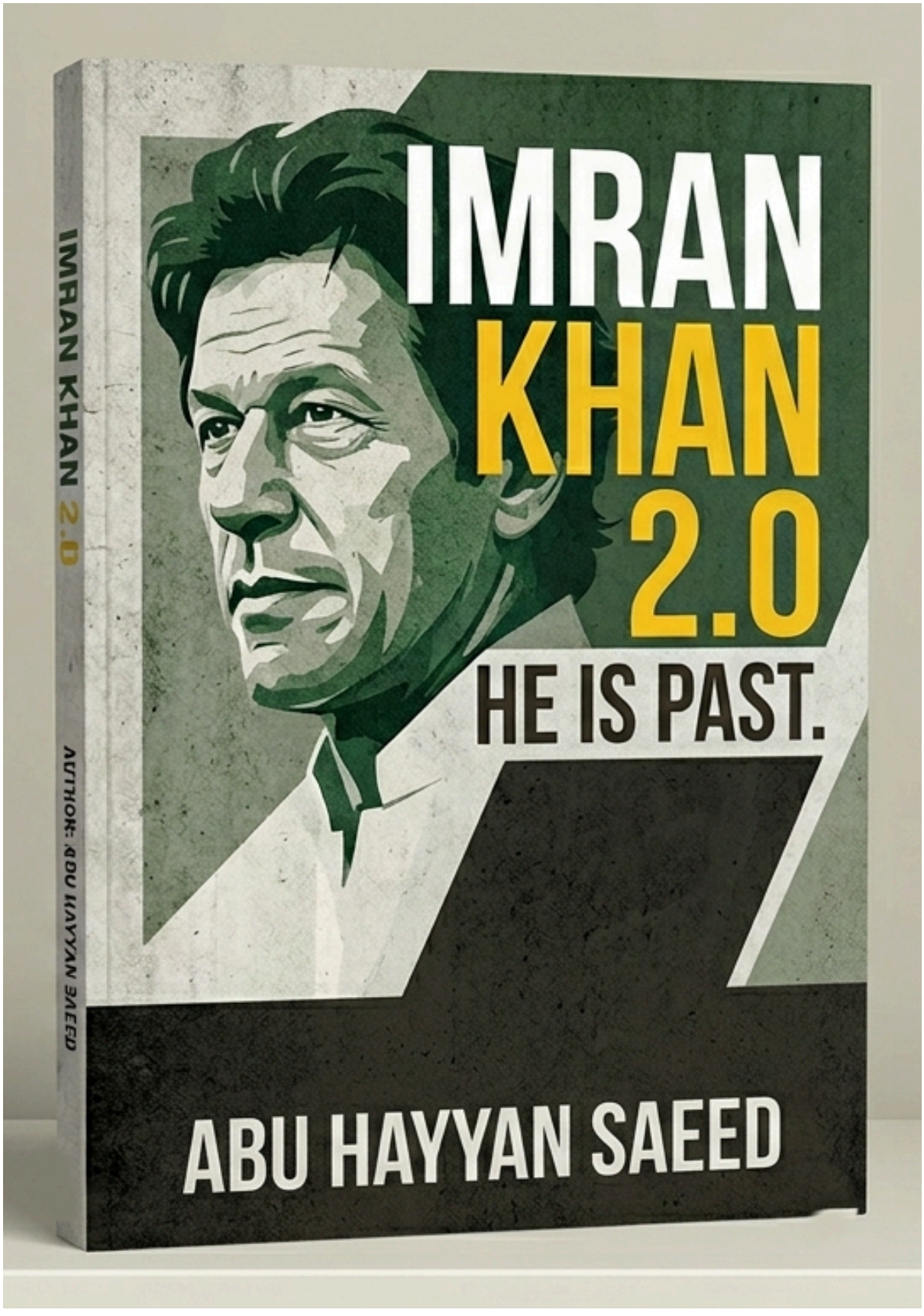
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Chapter 1: Imran Khan 2.0

Abu Hayyan Saeed , May 26, 2026

My query to the rumor-mongering factories regarding Imran Khan's return as the Prime Minister of Pakistan is:

- Under what mechanism will Imran Khan return?
- What is Imran Khan's economic policy?
- What is Imran Khan's national education policy?
- What is Imran Khan's foreign policy?

Shaukat Tarin, Asad Umar, Dr. Hafeez Sheikh, Dr. Reza Baqir, Babar Ali, the "Moto Gang" Fawad Chaudhry, Pervez Khattak, Barrister Shahzad Akbar, Sheikh Rashid, Murad Saeed, Dr. Arif Alvi, Imran Ismail, MQM, BAP party, and the Chaudhry brothers, along with several other worn-out parts, were of no use before, and now these useless corpses have started to stink. Now, neither General Faiz Hamid nor General Bajwa is around. Lala Ji Attaullah Esakhelvi is also unable to sing songs that warm the heart. The ISI has destroyed the hard drive of "Project Imran Khan." Inflation is touching the sky and heading toward the sun. IPPs (Independent Power Producers) have unleashed terror; there is neither electricity nor gas in the country. It is better to make friends with the Devil than to include technocrats. Overseas Pakistanis have sworn off investing in Pakistan, while local investors and industrialists have fled. The plundered money of the Sharif and Zardari families is outside the country. The judiciary prostrated before the military junta. Across the country, the administration has been placed under the sector commanders of the ISI and MI.

So, how will Imran Khan run the country? There are no airplanes, no helicopters, no abundance of bulletproof vehicles, and no multi-billion rupee funds from Aleem Khan and Jahangir Tareen. Sabir Shakir, Moeed Pirzada, Habib Akram, Akbar Bajwa, and Sabih Kazmi may chant "popularity, popularity, popularity" on their rosaries day and night, but the trouble is that countries are not run on the basis of popularity, nor can economic problems be solved by it. Our friend, Mr. Fayyaz Hamid, was saying that Imran Khan has become a brand, to which we replied that he is absolutely right but are countries ever run by brands? Imran Khan cannot pull Pakistan out of the ditch into which it has fallen. So the question arises: who will pull Pakistan out of this ditch? According to our simple intellect, even if a ruler descends from the heavens, this task will not be accomplished.

Final Word

I cannot help but laugh at the helplessness of the generals; they are forced to eat their own filth. They are compelled to bear the tantrums... yes, bear the tantrums... of the same Sharifs and Zardaris whom they had once cast out as the contractors of corruption.

Chapter 2: The Mirage of Populism and the Disastrous End of Puppet Rule:
The Decline of Imran Khan's Politics

Abu Hayyan Saeed , May 16, 2026

The greatest tragedy of Pakistan's contemporary politics has been that public popularity is often mistaken for the ability to govern. The head of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Imran Khan, undoubtedly enjoyed populist support across a huge segment of the country. However, history bears witness that when a narrative collides with ground realities, even the biggest idols shatter into pieces. The dreams that were "shown" to millions of people while in opposition were completely exposed by the actual process of "being" in power. The truth is that due to policies devoid of homework, the protection of the corrupt mafia around him (failed bankers, Engro mafia, IPP cartels, old bachelors, great political turncoats, sugar mafia, land mafia), and ruling as a puppet of the military establishment, Imran Khan failed to deliver. He has proven to be entirely useless to the military authorities and the international establishment, and there is no longer any need for his return on a global level.

Let us take a step-by-step look at what is happening now and what is about to happen:

1. The Disastrous End of the Establishment's Puppet and the Hybrid System

Imran Khan's three-and-a-half-year tenure was not the era of an independent civilian leader; rather, he was the face of the worst and weakest "hybrid system" in Pakistan's history. He reached the

corridors of power by sitting on the shoulders of the establishment and acted on the script of the puppet masters, failing to deliver anything substantial for the public.

A Rule Based on Crutches: PTI never held a majority in parliament. It was the military establishment that would herd the allies, pass the budgets, and provide support to the Captain's falling government. As soon as the military authorities termed themselves "neutral," this entire political palace collapsed like a wall of sand, proving that this government could not stand on its own feet.

Helplessness in Appointments: Despite sitting in the Prime Minister's House, the real power lay elsewhere. Useless, spent cartridges of the establishment were fitted into the cabinet in the form of technocrats. In October 2021, during the dispute over the appointment of the DG ISI, the funeral of the Captain's nominal autonomy was laid to rest, forcing him to bow before the command of the military authorities.

2. Lack of Homework and the Intellectual Poverty of Policies
Imran Khan is fundamentally just a political mobilizer who never had, nor will ever have, a concrete roadmap for the economy, foreign affairs, or local governance. His entire system kept running merely on temporary emotional slogans and U-turns.
Paying the Price for Economic Inexperience: Before coming to power, nominal economists like Asad Umar fed Khan Sahib the line that since the dollar was at 98 rupees during Nawaz Sharif's era, it would drop back to 60 rupees as soon as corruption was eliminated. But as soon as reality came to light, PTI's economic

balloon burst, and they had to fall to their knees before the IMF under the harshest conditions in the country's history. Khan Sahib never even asked Asad Umar under what mechanism the 98-rupee dollar would come down to 60 rupees.

Foreign and Domestic Failure: On the foreign front, refusing to attend the Malaysia Summit under Saudi pressure, and in his final days, fabricating a false narrative around a "cipher" to ruin relations with the largest partner (the United States), was the pinnacle of diplomatic immaturity. Domestically, by handing Punjab over to an incompetent person like Usman Buzdar, the governance of the entire province was paralyzed.

3. The Contradiction of Accountability: Open Corruption Right Under the Nose

The "elimination of corruption" song that Imran Khan sang for 26 years turned out to be nothing more than a verbal slogan for political victimization once he entered power. Right under his nose, his close associates ran a market of plunder, to which the Captain kept his eyes closed.

The Network of Farah Gogi and Bushra Bibi: The transfer and postings of Punjab's entire bureaucracy were carried out at the behest of Farah Gogi, and billions of rupees were received in bribes in return, causing their assets to increase by billions overnight.

Shahzad Akbar and the Al-Qadir Trust Scandal: Under the supervision of Shahzad Akbar, who sang the praises of accountability, £190 million (60.60 billion rupees) arriving from a British agency was adjusted against Malik Riaz's Bahria Town case penalty through a sealed envelope. In return, lands were acquired under the name of the Al-Qadir Trust.

Zulfi Bukhari and the Maneka Family: In the Rawalpindi Ring Road scandal, the map was altered to benefit specific housing societies, while on the other hand, Ibrahim Maneka and the Maneka family used the Punjab administration for their personal protocol and interests. This is the same trio of Zulfi Bukhari, Ibrahim Maneka, and Shahzad Akbar that sold Toshakhana items, earned millions of dollars, and Imran Khan, in his arrogance, took the blame upon himself, saying, "They were my things, I sold them."

4. Entirely Useless for the International Establishment
Global powers do not look at the dramas of internal popularity within a country; instead, they look at their concrete geopolitical and economic interests. Imran Khan no longer holds any political utility for the current international authorities because the current regime is advancing all of their agendas with greater focus.

Free Hand to China: China has turned Pakistan into a strong air force against India, maintaining the defense balance through the provision of J-10C, JF-17 Block 3, and fifth-generation J-20 stealth aircraft. Contrary to the slowdown of CPEC during Imran Khan's era, the current regime has given China a complete "free hand" and security guarantees, which suits Beijing the most.

Satisfaction of the US, Saudi Arabia, and Iran: For the US, the current setup is a predictable partner regarding security and the protection of nuclear assets. Saudi Arabia enjoys solid guarantees from Pakistan's military establishment for its security, while Iran places full trust in the current strong military control for the security of its eastern border.

Conclusion

Imran Khan's politics prove that "there is a huge difference between seeing and being." The revolutionary leader standing on a container proved to be a helpless puppet of the establishment, economically incompetent, and a protector of the corrupt mafia around him when he sat on the chair of power.
Now that the interests of the IMF, US, China, and Saudi Arabia are aligned with the stability and continuity of the current regime's policies, Imran Khan's status for the international establishment has become zero. The world no longer needs an inexperienced, aggressive, and unpredictable populist leader who risks the economic and strategic relations of the country for his personal narrative. Now, whether there is back-breaking inflation in Pakistan, whether the current regime-change military establishment breaks mountains of tyranny upon the public, whether there is electricity and gas or not, whether Gulfstream jets are given to mistresses, or whether billions of dollars received in the NFC award are transferred abroad by the Sindh government and even if the entirety of Pakistan votes for Imran Khan the international establishment does not care at all.

Chapter 3: What Wonders Will Imran Khan Perform After Coming Out of Jail? (Part 1)

Abu Hayyan Saeed ,May 22, 2026

Following my article written on May 16, 2026, titled *"The Mirage of Populism and the Disastrous End of Puppet Rule: The Decline of Imran Khan's Politics,"* dozens of friends complained that I have been writing against Imran Khan for a long time, etc. It is very difficult to answer everyone individually because I have many other engagements. I will definitely tell you about my engagements at the end. Because of this, I had to write this article, and it took me three days to do so.

Anyway, the discussion started with the most populist person in the universe in the current century, Imran Khan. About 95% of the youth and millions of well-educated, sensible, older people have also come to believe that after coming out of jail, Imran Khan will perform such feats that history will forget Alexander the Great and Winston Churchill.

The story will become extremely long if I sit down to write the entire tale from A to Z, so discussion can only be held on core topics. Let us talk about Imran Khan's economic, educational, social, foreign, and administrative policies. So, gentlemen, the problem of Pakistan is supreme: "Economics."

Fundamentally, Imran Khan never had any policy. From 2011 to 2018, every incoming ISI chief verbally assured Imran Khan that he was the savior and messiah of this country and nation, while everyone else was a thief and drenched in corruption. This statement is half-true, in that the last part of it is 100% correct all political lackeys are thieves and drenched in corruption.

General Asif Ghafoor's ISPR had hired hundreds of civilian young boys and girls with a budget of millions of rupees, whose job was to declare Imran Khan the messiah and savior, creating a storm across social media. General Asif Ghafoor's ISPR had become Goebbels 2.0. Imran Khan only knows one thing very well: that in Pakistan, political power comes out of the Army Chief's pocket. Therefore, during his imprisonment, he has openly stated half a dozen times that he will not talk to the government; instead, he will only talk to the top military official. Now, who the top military official is, is known even by a tribesman living in the jungles of Africa dancing to *Jhingo la la dum dum*. Who doesn't know who the top military official of Pakistan is?

One thing is 100% true: Imran Khan has never been involved in financial corruption in his personal capacity. Imran Khan's popularity is such that if he says he likes Coke and drinks Coke, the stock of Coke will vanish from Pakistan within twenty-four hours, and people will look for Coke day and night like crazy. If Imran Khan says he drinks tea of a certain brand, a 200-gram box of that brand's tea leaves will start selling for two thousand rupees and disappear from the market. If Imran Khan says he likes Service's Peshawari slippers, millions of girls will also run to buy those same slippers. If Imran Khan says he likes Rooh Afza syrup, Hamdard will face a tough time because Hamdard won't be able to meet the demand. If Imran Khan says he uses Qarshi's *Axeer-e-Jigar*, an earthquake will hit the pharmaceutical market not just in Pakistan but worldwide, such that multinational pharma companies will form a cartel to buy Qarshi Industries for 10 to 20 billion dollars, and *Axeer-e-Jigar* will sell for two thousand rupees instead of 160 rupees yet the demand for millions of bottles will still not be met. If Imran Khan appears in an advertisement for any

brand of perfume, that perfume brand will become the biggest and most expensive brand in the world overnight, and meeting the demand will become a severe test for the company.

I am fully confident that if free elections are held in Pakistan, and even if the voter age is raised from twenty-five to forty years, more than 80% of the votes will still be cast for Imran Khan's donkeys and horses.

Despite all these facts, I say out loud: Imran Khan had no vision of his own, nor does he have one now. He only believes that if the ISI Chief and the Army Chief are with him, policies can go to hell. Whatever they keep telling him, he will keep saying and doing.

The foundation of "Project Imran" was laid by General Hamid Gul. General Hamid Gul was severely allergic to the PPP, which is why he formed the IJI to promote Nawaz Sharif. But when Nawaz Sharif and his family showed their true colors, General Hamid Gul became disappointed with Nawaz Sharif as well. Despite General Hamid Gul's forced retirement from the ISI in 1989, the ISI kept Project Imran Khan close to its chest until Lieutenant General Ahmad Shuja Pasha became the head of the ISI. His tenure from 2008 to 2012 was the golden era of Project Imran Khan. Then Lieutenant General Zaheer-ul-Islam became the ISI chief, who was two steps ahead of General Pasha in his love for Imran Khan. The feats of General Faiz Hamid have already been written by me in a long article; I will insert the link to that article at the end.

Remember that even today, the Hamid Gul doctrine holds great importance in the ISI. Hamid Gul's favorite journalist, Haroon ur Rasheed, wrote several columns in the *Jang* newspaper under Imran Khan's name, in which three things were prominent: Islam, Pakistan, and the public. When these columns were published, I

recognized from the writing style that they were written by Haroon ur Rasheed. Yet, I sought confirmation from the head honcho of *Jang*, Irshad Ahmed Haqqani, who hesitantly confirmed it. This was the era when Imran Khan only understood and listened to Haroon ur Rasheed. Then Haroon ur Rasheed started taking Imran Khan to the cigarette-puffing Sufi professor of Gujar Khan, Ahmed Rafique Akhtar. This was around 2011-2012 when Haroon ur Rasheed wrote several consecutive columns stating that Professor Ahmed Rafique Akhtar had given glad tidings to Imran Khan that he would come into power after the next elections. Very educated people attended Professor Ahmed Rafique Akhtar's gatherings; several bureaucrats and high military officers also used to visit there. The current MI Chief, Major General Wajid Aziz, was a Colonel at that time and was counted among the professor's special people. Apart from him, the ISI's sector commander of Islamabad was also frequently found there, who began to believe in Professor Ahmed Rafique Akhtar's prophecies regarding Imran Khan. ISI Chief General Ahmad Shuja Pasha, who played cricket very well and was already a huge fan of Imran Khan, also used to pay attendance to Professor Ahmed Rafique Akhtar.

During Imran Khan's three-and-a-half-year rule (2018 to 2022), the results of economic, educational, and social policies could not be achieved at the level claimed. According to independent experts, economic analysts, and political observers, some of the major reasons for the failure of these policies and details of the team behind them are as follows:

Reasons for the Failure of Economic Policies

Indecisiveness in Decision Making: Upon assuming government, a delay of about eight months was made in deciding

whether or not to go to the IMF. This created uncertainty in the market, the rupee devalued, and severe pressure was exerted on foreign reserves.

Continuous Changes in the Team: A major reason for economic instability was the lack of consistency in Imran Khan. Four finance ministers were changed in less than four years. With every new finance minister, economic priorities changed, making long-term ventures impossible. A stage arrived where the First Lady requested to make Farah Gogi a Senator and then the Finance Minister. When Imran Khan started telling his close cronies to implement this, the news reached General Bajwa, who stopped Imran Khan from doing so.

Who Was Making These Policies?

Imran Khan's policy-making team was fundamentally divided into four parts: the world's greatest economist General Bajwa, political leaders, unelected technocrats, and the bureaucracy.

The important names driving the economic vehicle during different periods of the government were:

General Qamar Javed Bajwa: According to the General himself, he is the greatest economist, and according to the latest information, he holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Chichawatni, which he obtained via mail.

Asad Umar: The first Finance Minister and Planning Minister of Tehreek-e-Insaaf, who holds an MBA in Marketing. His connection with finance was similar to our connection with nuclear physics. Asad Umar prepared the initial economic model and structure, which was extremely bogus. Before this, for several years, he kept telling Khan Sahib, *"Khan Sahib, do not worry at all, once we come to power, we will bring the 98-rupee dollar down to 60."*

Imran Khan kept nodding his head vigorously to this statement. Imran Khan never asked Asad Umar under what mechanism this task would be done. A special point is that Imran Khan has not kept a wallet or purse for the past thirty years and has never bought anything himself, so he does not realize prices, inflation, or the importance of money. He is a total zero in economic matters. Perhaps it has been just as long since he even touched currency notes.

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh: He is the biggest fraudster in Pakistan, who wears a suit, puts on an innocent face, and solely guards the interests of the IMF. A tried-and-tested "potato-cauliflower" expert of several previous governments, he was brought in as a technocrat to sign the harshest agreement with the IMF.

Hammad Azhar and Shaukat Tarin: Hammad Azhar could not succeed as an economic manager because Imran Khan's government was continuously changing finance ministers (4 ministers in 4 years), due to which no one got the opportunity to run a long-term policy. Formulating a stable economic policy was also beyond Hammad Azhar's capacity. Shaukat Tarin is a failed banker. Khan Sahib appointed a person who could not run his own bank as the finance minister on the basis that in the past, his bank had done significant work for the Shaukat Khanum Cancer Hospital.

Dr. Reza Baqir (Former Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan): Reza Baqir is an IMF hitman who has performed missions of destroying the economic conditions of several countries to trap them in the clutches of the IMF. He was brought to Pakistan on the demand of the IMF. He formulated harsh policies for monetary policy, increasing interest rates, and

subjecting the value of the rupee to the market, which ruined exports.
Economic Advisory Council (EAC): This included the country's prominent paper-tiger experts who were only experts at talking, such as Dr. Ashfaq Hassan Khan, Dr. Abid Suleri, and Dr. Ishrat Husain (Advisor on Institutional Reforms).

Despite all this destruction, only Dr. Sania Nishtar's "Ehsaas Program" and the Benazir Income Support Program (of which she remained chairperson) kept running successfully. She designed the model of social safety and pro-poor digital cash transfer, which continued successfully. Our commentary is only that no military general's sacred feet could step into Dr. Sania Nishtar's work, which is why it remained successful.
Sir, even Hell is afraid of the Sharif and Zardari families, wondering how it will tolerate such corrupt people. On the other hand, in which category of the weighing scale will the present and former members of Imran Khan's gang be placed? Reham Khan (who was planted by the British MI6), Aleem Khan, Jahangir Tareen, the current wife Bushra Bibi, Farah Gogi, Zulfi "the slick," Ibrahim Maneka, Barrister Shahzad Akbar, Faisal Vawda "the supplier" (I will tell the tale of this supplier Faisal Vawda some other time, of how he used to carry albums of call girls in Karachi and progressed from MI havildars to reaching the head honchos of MI Sindh), Asad Umar, Usman Buzdar, Shaukat Tarin, etc. Imran Khan had no policy, has none now, and will have none in the future; he has merely remained a prisoner of his own persona and will remain so.
My friends might be thinking that since I am raining arrows of criticism on Imran Khan, the current regime change meaning the

Field Marshal and the government holds an ideal position in my view. Gentlemen, it is nothing like that. A dead pig named the "NFC Award" is lying inside the economic well of Pakistan, and instead of taking the dead pig out of the well, we keep pouring Abe-Zamzam (holy water) into the well. Even ten Field Marshals and twenty Prime Ministers will not be able to eliminate the impurity of this well.

I had just started talking, and I have grown tired of myself, because the tale of Imran Khan is indeed like the satchel of Umro Aiyar (endless). Now, as promised, let me tell you about my engagements due to which I could not write much.

My engagements include watching movies, watching documentaries more than once, short movies based on short stories of snipers, watching *Silsila*, *Nikah*, and listening to the songs of *Umrao Jaan* repeatedly; listening to A. Nayyar, Mala, Ahmed Rushdi, and what can be said about the songs filmed on Shamim Ara; glancing at the headlines of Reuters, The New York Times, and The Hindu, etc.; enjoying videos of Mohsin Khan's double century at Lord's, the batting of Zaheer Abbas, Azharuddin, and Qasim Umar, and the flying of wickets by Sikandar Bakht's fast-paced in-swings—
what a splendid bowler Sikandar Bakht was; I watch the spectacular goals of Egyptian footballer Mohamed Salah very closely Salah is a very selfish player but a very good finisher; the hat-trick of goals scored by Italian footballer Paolo Rossi against Brazil in the semifinals of the 1982 World Cup with what love he scored those goals, magnificent! I listen to Anushka Shankar's sitar; what can be said about Amjad Malang's rubab; the song

"Rasha Mama Zoy de Lewany De" sung by the old Pashto singer Zarsanga, which Coke Studio recorded again with the new singer Gul Panra and Zarsanga... an old and a new voice together... it gives a different pleasure altogether. It seems this has turned into my own newsletter.

I recall a story read somewhere... friends say that your stories are numerous. Now what can we do, otherwise we are just empty pages (*"Tash Panre"*), only stories are left to tell.
A famous lawyer from New York went to a rural area of Texas for hunting. During the hunt, he shot a duck, which unfortunately fell across the fence into a farmer's field.
The lawyer was just about to climb over the fence to retrieve the duck when suddenly an old farmer appeared. He asked, *"What are you doing here?"*
The lawyer replied confidently, *"I shot a duck, which fell into your field. I have come to retrieve it."*
The farmer said seriously, *"This land is mine, and you are not allowed to enter here."*
The lawyer got angry and said, *"I am counted among the prominent lawyers of America. If you do not let me take the duck, I will sue you, and then all this land of yours will become mine!"*
The old farmer smiled and said, *"It seems you do not know how we settle such disputes in Texas. The 'Three-Kick Rule' applies here."*
The lawyer asked in surprise, *"What on earth is that?"*
The farmer explained, *"According to this rule, first I will kick you three times, then you will kick me. This cycle will continue until one party gives up."*

The lawyer thought to himself, *"This old man will collapse in just two kicks!"* Thus, he readily agreed to the contest according to the local customs.
The old farmer walked toward the lawyer and delivered the first kick with his heavy boot straight to the lawyer's shin. The lawyer doubled over in pain.
The second kick hit straight on the nose. The lawyer fell to the ground, bleeding.
The third kick landed on his rib cage. Groaning, he fell apart completely.
After a while, when the lawyer composed himself, drank a few sips of water, and stood up with great difficulty, he said, *"You son of a devil! Now it's my turn..."*

The old farmer laughed and said, *"No, no, it's alright... I give up. You can take the duck!"* Now, in this story, under the current situation, who is the old farmer, who is the lawyer, and who is the duck? Understand this yourself and explain it to me too.

How the trio of Lieutenant General Faiz Hamid, General Bajwa, and Madam Bushra Bibi were using Imran Khan together has been discussed in detail in the last chapter .

Chapter 4: What Wonders Will Imran Khan Perform After Coming Out of Jail? (Part 2)

Abu Hayyan Saeed , 21 May 2026

The first part of this topic was presented a few days ago. From 2018 to 2022, Imran Khan's government was in the Center, Punjab, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Why did the economic policies of the Center fail? The answer has already been given: the Center did not have an economic policy of Imran Khan at all!

In the first part presented a few days ago, the debate began regarding what the actual causes of the Center's economic failures were during the three-and-a-half-year tenure of Tehreek-e-Insaaf. After finishing the tale of the Federation, now comes the turn of Pakistan's largest province, Punjab, where during 2018 to 2022, such administrative and political feats were being performed that find no match in the thousands of years of Punjab's history.

This was the era when Punjab's treasury was filled with trillions of rupees from the NFC award, and for the first time in history, the same party held government in both the province and the Federation. Apparently, success was guaranteed in this honeymoon period of power, but behind the scenes, by strangling merit, a system of governance was established that paralyzed Punjab's bureaucracy and turned the entire province into a spectacle. Why did this governance of Punjab fail, and which hidden characters, drawing-room networks, and financial scandals were active behind it? Its details are as follows.

Despite such large funds and political power, some of the fundamental administrative and structural reasons for the failure of governance in Punjab were:

1. Choice of Political Leadership and "Political Weakness"
The biggest cause of the failure of governance is considered to be the choice of Usman Buzdar as Chief Minister of Punjab. Usman Buzdar is a childhood friend of Farah Gogi's husband, and Farah Gogi was extremely close to the First Lady. When Usman Buzdar's name surfaced for the first time on the political horizon, everyone was astonished as to why an unknown and inexperienced politician was chosen for the chief ministership of a large province like Punjab. But behind the scenes, it was these invisible relationships and connections that played the fundamental role in setting the chessboard at that time.
The childhood friendship and deep family relationship between Usman Buzdar and Farah Gogi's husband, Ahsan Jamil Gujjar, became the actual bridge that brought Usman Buzdar straight to the kitchen of Bani Gala and then to the corridors of power.
The threads of this relationship connect as follows:

Background of Ahsan Jamil Gujjar: Ahsan Jamil Gujjar himself is the son of former PML-N Senator Chaudhry Jamil Gujjar and has held influence in the politics of Gujranwala. His family relations with Usman Buzdar's father (Sardar Fateh Muhammad Buzdar) were old.
Access to Bani Gala: Farah Gogi was the closest and most trusted friend of the First Lady, Bushra Bibi. When names for the Chief Minister of Punjab were being considered, Usman Buzdar's name was conveyed to Bushra Bibi through Ahsan Jamil Gujjar

and Farah Gogi, which was later presented to Imran Khan under the title of "Wasim Akram Plus."

Influence in Power: During Usman Buzdar's tenure, the real decisions of Punjab took place more through the alleged blessings of Ahsan Jamil Gujjar and Farah Gogi than the Chief Minister House, to the extent that the transfers and appointments of the bureaucracy also revolved around this network. Whatever the claims of merit or political stature may be in Pakistan's politics, real decisions are often dependent on these private relationships, women's connections, old friendships, drawing-room networking, and GHQ.

Usman Buzdar was, in fact, the choice of General Faiz Hamid and the First Lady Bushra Bibi. What color clothes Usman Buzdar would wear on which day, which stone he would wear on which finger of which hand, and what he would eat on which day this entire schedule reached Usman Buzdar at 8:00 PM, and it was acted upon the next day.

Lack of Experience: Usman Buzdar lacked the administrative experience and political influence required to run a province as large and complex in terms of population and area as Punjab.

Central Control and "Remote Control" Governance: Decisions in Punjab were made by the network of Farah Gogi and Bushra Bibi in Islamabad instead of Lahore, behind whom stood General Faiz Hamid. When the provincial chief executive does not have the authority or confidence to make his own decisions, the bureaucracy does not take his orders seriously.

2. Instability in Bureaucracy (Continuous Transfers)
In any province, the implementation of policies occurs through the bureaucracy. The manner in which Punjab's administrative structure was badly shaken during the three-and-a-half to nearly four years of PTI finds no parallel.

- *Five to six Chief Secretaries and just as many IGs of Punjab Police were changed in nearly four years.*
- *At the district level, transfers of Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and field officers were carried out in weeks instead of months.*
- *The result of this continuous reshuffling was that "policy continuity" ended within the bureaucracy, and officers preferred to just pass their time instead of taking responsibility for any large project or doing long-term work (which is called bureaucratic inertia).*

3. NFC Award and Imbalanced Use of Funds
Although Punjab's share under the 7th NFC Award is 51.74%, due to which a large sum is transferred to the province, there were severe administrative flaws in the distribution and use of these funds:
Lapsing of the Development Budget: Due to administrative incompetence and the fear of signing documents among the bureaucracy (due to fear of NAB), billions of rupees of development funds (ADP) received from the NFC could not be released or spent on time and were wasted or rolled over at the end of the year.

The Incomplete Project of South Punjab Secretariat: A separate secretariat was indeed set up to spend South Punjab's funds there, but it was not given full administrative and financial powers, due to which the funds fell prey to files.

4. Abolition of the Local Government System and Absence of an Alternative

The PTI government abolished Punjab's old local government system as soon as it came into power, due to which the network of councilors and nazims at the ground level was eliminated.

An Avalanche of Public Problems: Basic social issues like sanitation, water, paving of streets, and health are directly connected with local bodies. The new local government system could not emerge from paper to be implemented on the ground, due to which the resolution of the everyday problems of the common man stopped, spreading severe disappointment among the public.

5. Failure to Grip Price Control and Mafias

Punjab is the agricultural hub of Pakistan. Despite this, severe crises of flour and sugar emerged during the Usman Buzdar government:

Weakness of Administrative Grip: Due to the weak grip on the district administration, hoarders and profiteers were given a free hand, causing the prices of basic food items to go out of the Federation's control for the first time in Punjab's history, and the public directly blamed provincial governance for this economic burden.

The failure of Punjab was not due to a lack of funds, but due to weak political management, lack of trust in the bureaucracy, and a vacuum of decision-making. Whenever the matter of replacing Usman Buzdar started, Imran Khan would repeat the lesson drilled into him by Bushra Bibi: *"Buzdar is Wasim Akram Plus."* According to the investigations and cases filed by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and the Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab, the following severe allegations and actions were leveled against Farah Gogi:

1. Alleged Network of Transfers and Postings (Transfers & Postings Racket)

According to investigative agencies, a whole alleged network was working behind the continuous reshuffling and instability within the Punjab bureaucracy:

Alleged Buying and Selling of Public Offices: According to the FIR of Anti-Corruption Punjab (ACE), Farah Gogi is accused of receiving millions of rupees as bribes, kickbacks, and commissions in exchange for posting favorite high bureaucrats, Deputy Commissioners (DCs), and Regional Police Officers (RPOs) to lucrative seats of choice.

Confessional Statement of the Cashier: Farah Gogi's cashier, Ahmed Mansoor Nawaz, admitted in his confessional statement that he received millions of rupees in cash from various high bureaucrats and deposited them into Farah Gogi's personal account at a private bank in Lahore. According to Anti-Corruption, the dates of transfer of these amounts into the banks match the dates of notifications of transfers and appointments of those officers.

2. Immense Increase in Assets and Money Laundering

420 Percent Increase: According to the inquiry report of NAB, a sudden, extraordinary increase was observed in the declared assets of Farah Gogi present in Pakistan after 2018. Her assets allegedly jumped from 21 crore rupees to exceed 85 crore rupees.

Suspicious Bank Transactions: Transactions worth 847 million (nearly 85 crore) rupees were found in her personal and various business accounts, which did not match her profile and business income. This money used to arrive in the accounts and was withdrawn in cash a short while later, which NAB included under the category of money laundering.

These are the on-record matters whose accounting exists. However, the 650 billion rupees generated in transfers and postings which were converted into dollars and euros through money changers in Karachi and Lahore and taken first to Dubai via chartered aircraft, then used in investments worldwide are not part of any record.

3. Involvement in the Toshakhana Watch Scandal

Farah Gogi's name emerged as a central character in the matter of selling the highly valuable 'Mastergraph' watch received by Imran Khan as a gift from the Saudi Crown Prince. UAE-based businessman Umar Farooq Zahoor claimed that Farah Gogi met him in Dubai and sold this precious watch to him in exchange for approximately 2 million dollars, the payment for which was made in cash.

4. Alleged Use of Government Resources and Real Estate Deals
Without holding any official government position, Farah Gogi kept using the official helicopter of the Punjab government and the airplane of the Chief Minister for personal travel. Allegations of getting land of choice allotted from owners of real estate housing societies and facilitation as a frontwoman in various commercial projects were also leveled against her.

Conclusion

In the light of all these facts, when we review this past three-and-a-half-year tenure, the question itself automatically dies: "What wonders will Imran Khan perform after coming out of jail?" The leadership that failed to provide stable and transparent governance during its peak era when it enjoyed the full backing of the establishment and had complete power and trillions of rupees in funds available in a powerhouse like Punjab what miracle will it show now in a ruined economy and a scattered political landscape?

The destruction of Punjab was not the result of any lack of funds; rather, it was the aftermath of remote-controlled experiments like "Wasim Akram Plus," turning the bureaucracy into a political football, and the personal greed of unseen networks behind the scenes. If in the future as well, decisions on the chessboard of power continue to be made on the basis of drawing-room networking, women's connections, and private loyalties instead of merit, a leader may come out of the prison gates open, but he will remain a spent cartridge.

A union council cannot be run on the strength of witchcraft, rituals, stones, and rings; how then will provinces and the country be run?

Chapter 5

Absolute Immense Power

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There is an English term whose explanation has been made clear by the 27th Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan: *Immense Power*.

If someone asks an insolent and disrespectful person like me for the meaning and definition of this term, my only answer would be "Divine Power" or "Absolute Rule," which in common parlance can also be called "God-like Power."

Through the clauses of the 27th Amendment of the Constitution, this *Immense Power* has been granted to a heap of dust as if the Pakistani parliament, with a massive majority, has crafted a huge idol of the modern era, such that if it is not obeyed, even Iblis (Satan) would seek refuge from the consequences. Even Iblis was given immense powers except for one clause, but the Pakistani parliament has given its idol such powers that in eleven thousand years of history, no human, not even the Prophets (peace be upon them), could ever attain them.

Where did this concept of *Immense Power* actually come from in Pakistan? In the "New Pakistan" that emerged after 1971, the desire for absolute rule was the longing of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the very first child of the military nursery. Following the fall of Dhaka, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto assumed power on December 20, 1971, as the Civilian Chief Martial Law Administrator and President of Pakistan. On April 21, 1972, he enforced an Interim Constitution through which martial law was lifted, and Zulfikar Ali Bhutto took charge as the President of Pakistan. He held the office of President until August 14, 1973, after which the 1973 Constitution

was enforced, and Zulfikar Ali Bhutto assumed power as the Prime Minister of Pakistan. An ocean of absolute rule was surging in his heart; he was inspired by the Chinese model. Due to successive political and economic blunders and an authoritarian attitude, he met his end at the hands of a highly submissive General. Then, that same General's concept of absolute rule showed Pakistan those days, the price of which two generations have already paid and more will continue to pay.

The mania for absolute rule sometimes manifested in the form of Benazir Bhutto as a sweet pill of democracy; sometimes it kept nurturing under the malicious slogan of *"Jaag Punjabi Jaag"* (Wake up, Punjabi, wake up); and sometimes, under the guise of General Hamid Gul's diabolical Islamic Jamhoori Ittehad (IJI) and the "strategic depth" formula, it kept fueling the hunger for absolute power of the Sharifs who were Sharif (innocent) only in name until another claimant of absolute power, General Pervez Musharraf, graced the stage, and a new history of fascism and malice was written. This was the same General Pervez Musharraf who, keeping his Prime Minister, the Pakistan Air Force, the Pakistan Navy, all intelligence agencies, and most Core Commanders completely unaware, launched a third-class, bloody adventure like Kargil. He left three and a half thousand military officers and soldiers to die in the icy graveyard at the hands of the Indians and, except for a few, even refused to take back their dead bodies.

To achieve the destination of absolute power, General Pervez Musharraf brought Pakistan to the brink of destruction. However, after wreaking havoc, that era also came to its end. If all these tales are not shortened, several books can be written on each

era. Anyway, I will cut the story short, and ignoring many events in between, we come to the very recent past.

Now the story reaches January 2017, when a young and handsome Major General was appointed as DG C in the ISI. This Major General was previously commanding the 16th Infantry Division in Panno Aqil, Sindh; this was Major General Faiz Hamid. His manifestation in the ISI occurred in January 2017. The position of DG C in the ISI is such that you may consider the person the master of the entire Pakistan. There is a comprehensive briefing spanning a full ten days that leaves a person's eyes wide open and fills his every fiber with excitement. Detailed briefings and records are available to the DG C regarding the entire country's politicians, industrialists, capitalists, business institutions, banks, stock markets, gold markets, money exchangers, drug dealers, land mafias, money launderers, journalists, gambling dens, professional killers, renowned peers (spiritual guides) and shrines, transporters, large hospitals, big shopping malls, major brands, TV channels, FIA, IB, district administration, police, Rangers, prominent lawyers, judges, religious sectarian groups, foreign embassies, professional call girls, formally declared and hidden foreign spies, smugglers, major educational institutions, etc.
Who does what, where they go and come from, who takes and gives how much money to whom, what they eat and drink, what hobbies they have, who has kept how many women, whose houses, bedrooms, and bathrooms have hidden cameras and voice devices installed and where else they need to be installed millions of photographs and voice recordings, etc. Apart from this, where the funds are generated from that are used in various

operations of the ISI; which person across the country is generating how much money from his seat and where he is investing it; whose children are studying in which institution; which Pakistani officer holds dual citizenship; which officer is investing domestically and abroad; which officer is to be posted where to get massive jobs done; which small organization is to be funded to make it big overnight to serve our purpose the complete history sheet of big traders and landlords is on the fingertips of the DG C. If the DG C himself calls someone and asks for some work to be done, that person becomes so overjoyed as if the heavens have spoken to him. We have introduced this in an extremely brief manner; to tell the details, a book of at least two thousand pages will be required. It is a different matter that this book would become the best-selling book in the history of Pakistan, but we would have to flee abroad, which we do not want for the time being. In short, the DG C is a very big shot.

Before General Faiz Hamid, there was also a DG C who did a lot of maneuvering, but he had no personal agenda; that was Major General Syed Ehtasham Zamir, who, for General Pervez Musharraf in the 2002 general elections, broke the Nawaz League to form the PML-Q, and simultaneously stood up a new faction of the Pakistan Peoples Party under the name of PPP Patriot.
Now we will cover the past ten years; otherwise, this story will never end. The blessed mention now begins from November 29, 2016, when Prime Minister Mian Nawaz Sharif, bypassing three senior generals, promoted the relatively junior Lieutenant General Qamar Javed Bajwa, made him a four-star General, and nominated him as the Army Chief. Bajwa had previously commanded the Rawalpindi Corps and had spent several years in

the Rawalpindi Corps in the past as a Lieutenant Colonel and Brigadier, fulfilling almost all the conditions to become the Army Chief as he was also the Principal Staff Officer at GHQ before becoming the Army Chief. Immediately after becoming the Army Chief, General Bajwa formed a team of his favorite officers; the most important posting was that of Major General Faiz Hamid, who was appointed as DG C in the ISI. When General Bajwa was the Corps Commander Rawalpindi from 2013 to 2015, Faiz Hamid, who was a Brigadier at that time, served as General Bajwa's Chief of Staff, and during this period, he proved to be a trustworthy officer for General Bajwa. As soon as General Bajwa took charge of the Army Chief's office, he summoned Major General Faiz Hamid to the ISI, who was commanding a division in Panno Aqil at that time. When Faiz Hamid took the briefings of DG C in Aabpara, a new world was revealed to him because before this, Faiz Hamid had never held any intelligence posting. General Bajwa had also never held any intelligence posting in his entire career.

Major General Faiz Hamid told General Bajwa all those stories from A to Z that he had received in the ISI briefings. Faiz Hamid had inherited "Project Imran"; at that time, the in-charge of Project Imran was Colonel Wajid Aziz, who nowadays means in 2026 is the DG MI. General Faiz Hamid took Project Imran into his own hands.

It was brought to General Faiz Hamid's knowledge that Imran Khan was influenced by a spiritual lady and occasionally went to meet her. General Faiz Hamid contacted this spiritual lady through a close associate of Imran Khan and held a very long meeting, the details of which never came to anyone's knowledge; people are just making guesses. After that, successive meetings

took place, but no one knows the details. It has only been learned that in 2017, about sixteen one-on-one meetings took place between General Faiz Hamid and this spiritual lady. People only guess about these meetings as to what was settled in them; however, a long meeting took place on June 16, 2017, between General Faiz Hamid and Imran Khan at Dr. Arif Alvi's house. This was also a one-on-one meeting; only Dr. Arif Alvi joined for dinner. Whether General Bajwa was aware of all these meetings or not is something no human knows.

That was a very tumultuous year. On July 28, 2017, the Supreme Court disqualified Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in the Panama Papers case and ended his government upon which Nawaz Sharif goes around asking even today, *"Why was I ousted?"*
Then came February 2018, on the 18th day of which the announcement of the marriage of Imran Khan and the spiritual lady Bushra Bibi was made, which caused a great stir.
Then the 2018 elections took place on July 25, in which Imran Khan's Tehreek-e-Insaaf emerged as the largest party by winning 117 seats. Considerable rigging took place in the 2018 general elections as well, but this rigging was *against* Tehreek-e-Insaaf, in that more than forty of its candidates were made to lose by altering the results! Anyone can say that this is a strange thing to claim, but gentlemen, the military establishment of that time did not want Tehreek-e-Insaaf to win with a clear majority; it wanted Imran Khan to always remain dependent on military crutches, and time proved that the Imran Khan government remained dependent on the benevolent gaze of General Bajwa and General Faiz Hamid at all times. Tehreek-e-Insaaf was indeed the largest party in the assembly, but the destination of government formation

was still far away. Then Major General Faiz Hamid swung into action, and grabbing the PML-Q, MQM, BAP party, and more than two dozen independent members by the scruff of their necks, he laid them at the feet of Imran Khan at Bani Gala. Thus, Imran Khan was made the Prime Minister with a simple majority.

When the stage arrived to take the vote of confidence in the assembly, Imran Khan was formally made the Prime Minister by securing 178 votes. It is possible that the phrase "was made the Prime Minister" might sound unpleasant to the temperament of some readers, but this is the reality. What kind of jumps Major General Faiz Hamid must have made to persuade 60 members of parliament belonging to different parties, including more than two dozen independent members, to support Imran Khan only he can tell. However, it has been learned that four Brigadiers and four Sector Commanders of the ISI kept working day and night, and Faiz Hamid's hotline kept ringing twenty-four hours a day.
As a reward for performing this feat, Major General Faiz Hamid was promoted to Lieutenant General in April 2019 and was posted as the Adjutant General at GHQ. A posting at GHQ means that the person crosses the first step to becoming the Army Chief. Now Faiz Hamid had become a Lieutenant General; he spent only three months at GHQ, and General Bajwa appointed him as DG ISI on June 17, 2019, replacing Lieutenant General Asim Munir. Meanwhile, Lieutenant General Asim Munir was posted as the Commander of the Gujranwala Corps, where Asim Munir commanded the Corps until October 2021; from there, Asim Munir was posted as the Quartermaster General at GHQ. Well, this mention came up by the way.

Our topic for now is General Faiz Hamid. When Faiz Hamid assumed the office of DG ISI, only five months and twelve days were left until the retirement of Army Chief General Bajwa.
Now a new drama begins, because Imran Khan wanted to make a new Army Chief after General Bajwa's retirement in November 2019 why he wanted to, and whose pressure or request it was, I will describe later. The problem arising was that to become the Army Chief, it is mandatory for a person to have commanded a Corps, which Faiz Hamid had not done, and he had also remained a staff officer at GHQ for only three months. Thus, Faiz Hamid was not suitable for the Army Chief position at that time. Therefore, the decision made between General Bajwa, General Faiz Hamid, and Imran Khan was that instead of taking the risk of a new Army Chief, General Bajwa should be given an extension. Whether it is considered a virtue or a flaw of General Bajwa, he used to arrange gatherings for journalists, colorful anchors, etc., two or three times a week in the evening. Since General Bajwa suffered from the psychological disease of talking excessively, he shared the disinformation provided by General Faiz Hamid with these people without any hesitation. You can estimate that when an Army Chief says something, everyone takes his word very seriously. General Bajwa used to tell his visitors how he paved the way to bring Imran Khan into power, that Imran Khan possesses no capability, which is why he inserted various technocrats into the Imran Khan government, that Imran Khan cannot even ask anyone for money so he has to go to the Saudis, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and China to beg for dollars, that Imran Khan is under the influence of magic, etc. A word uttered from the mouth is bound to take flight; these words also reached Imran Khan, and in fact, they even reached the First Lady, Bushra Bibi Sahiba.

When the Imran Khan government wanted to give a three-year extension to General Bajwa, the Supreme Court forcibly created a constitutional hurdle. On this occasion, General Faiz Hamid once again tied up the members of parliament from the PPP and PML-N with ropes, brought them to parliament, and got the bill for General Bajwa's extension passed. Thus, General Bajwa received an extension of another three years in 2019, upon which the stamps of the Supreme Court and parliament were also affixed.

Now a new game has started. Imran Khan wanted to make General Faiz Hamid the Corps Commander of Rawalpindi so that General Faiz Hamid could fulfill the mandatory condition of commanding a Corps to become the Army Chief, and when General Bajwa retired in 2022, Faiz Hamid could be made the Army Chief. Apparently, the matter was logical, but General Bajwa did not like it because word was spreading in the army that General Faiz Hamid would be the next Army Chief, making General Faiz Hamid the center of attention within the military. This delivered a massive blow to General Bajwa's ego; obviously, no Army Chief wants anyone else to be the center of attention besides himself. Fuel was added to the fire when people started congratulating General Bajwa along with choosing General Faiz Hamid as the future Army Chief; even the Saudi ambassador told General Bajwa that after him, his special man would become the Army Chief. Several foreign ambassadors wished to meet General Faiz Hamid instead of General Bajwa. Due to all these things, General Bajwa began to feel insulted.
Imran Khan told General Bajwa to let General Faiz command a Corps for two years, and then they would bring him back to the

ISI. This entire requested program belonged to General Faiz Hamid, which was conveyed to Imran Khan through a powerful source.
Now General Bajwa had understood which mysterious personality held the string of General Faiz Hamid's longing for attaining "Absolute Military Power," and through what source General Faiz Hamid was putting pressure on Imran Khan to get a Corps command. Therefore, General Bajwa invited Prime Minister Imran Khan to GHQ under the guise of a briefing, and the date that day was April 24, 2020. The briefing was about India, Afghanistan, and Iran, and more than two dozen uniformed Corps Commanders and Principal Staff Officers were present there. In civilian clothes, only Imran Khan and ISI Chief Lieutenant General Faiz Hamid were present. There, Imran Khan was made to understand in a very soft manner that GHQ would not tolerate any kind of interference in its internal matters of transfers and postings. This was Imran Khan's first visit after August 29, 2018. The Coronavirus pandemic was spreading its destruction; not just in Pakistan but across the entire world, death was dancing with its wings spread. Business, industry, and politics had all disappeared behind the mask. All kinds of politics in Pakistan became zero in 2020; everyone was concerned with saving their own life, and people hid in their homes.

Then came 2021. Diabolical politics had slowly started to breathe again in Pakistan. Imran Khan's government was failing to deliver. A new model of corruption had already been introduced in Pakistan's power base, Punjab, in 2019, but this model received a boost in 2021 when massive money started exchanging hands for postings and transfers in Punjab. The inventor of this was a lady

with three to four names, who was said to be the most special confidante of the First Lady. Postings and transfers in Punjab were carried out in full swing during the tenure of every ruler of the Sharif family; during the Musharraf era, Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi was also an expert in this work. However, the Sharif family and the Chaudhry family bought the loyalties of government officers through the postings and transfers of those officers. Those governments made their money in massive projects, but during Imran Khan's era, development work was almost closed, so the business of making money had also turned cold.

Therefore, acting on the formula that necessity is the mother of invention, the lady of several names, who invented modern corruption, started working on a fast-track formula. In exchange for twenty to forty crore rupees, she carried out postings in Punjab from a Patwari to Deputy Commissioners and from an SHO to a DPO; no one was spared. The Chief Minister of Punjab signed dozens of posting files daily; the entire department of Services and General Administration prepared dozens of posting and transfer files daily, and the Secretary of Services and General Administration took those dozens of posting files early every morning and presented himself before the lady in the Chief Minister of Punjab's office. Chief Minister Usman Buzdar would place his signature (*"Chirya"*) on all files before lunch; no one was allowed to interfere in this work, let alone think about it. According to cautious estimates, at least over a hundred government individuals were helpers to this lady in this work, who, by remaining busy day and night in striking deals, made massive money themselves as well. Apart from this, numerous "beaters" (frontmen collecting bribes) were active in the police; SHOs

openly gave threats of getting their disliked officers sidelined. Dozens of such incidents occurred where SHOs gave twenty crore rupees each for the suspension or transfer of DPOs, and Patwari pooled together two billion rupees each for the suspension of Tehsildars. The work was being done in a highly scientific manner. It wasn't that all the money went into the lady's pocket, but eighty percent of the wealth was sacrificed to the lady. In Punjab alone, according to cautious estimates, six and a half hundred big postings and transfers above Grade 18 took place in 2021; below that, the number of SHOs, Patwaris, Girdawars, Tehsildars, etc., reaches several thousands, and the real money was earned from them.

In 2021, Punjab had 41 districts and 156 tehsils, and from the thousands of Patwaris, Girdawars, Naib Tehsildars, Tehsildars, and revenue officers from Grade 11 to 16 and 17, the lady earned so much money that several large suitcases filled with dollars, a week before the motion of no-confidence against Imran Khan was presented, departed on a special aircraft first to Dubai and then to America along with the lady, with a resolve never to return. And now, that lady meaning Farah Gogi does not even tolerate listening to any call coming from Pakistan. It is being heard that the lady, Farah Gogi, besides buying shares in several large companies, has bought two large shopping malls in Massachusetts and has also made an investment of one and a half billion dollars in a major company manufacturing lithium batteries for cars.
The son of former First Lady Bushra Bibi Sahiba, Ibrahim Maneka, went to Dubai in November 2022 and, with great difficulty, managed a meeting with Farah Gogi to demand his

share of the money. Farah Gogi replied to him, *"The Toshakhana items that you, Zulfi 'the slick,' and Shahzad Akbar sold for millions of dollars and you did not give me a single dollar, nor did I ask. So why have you come to beg for money now like a beggar? Run away from here..."*

The year 2021 remained a year of considerable tension between General Bajwa and Prime Minister Imran Khan. Its reason, according to General Bajwa, was General Faiz Hamid's desire for *Immense Power*, which the First Lady kept encouraging. General Bajwa was also being forced to think of an alternative.

In General Bajwa's view, the time had come to wrap up "Project Imran," as Imran Khan had become a massive problem himself rather than a solution to problems.

In the first stage, General Bajwa distanced himself from the Imran Khan government and General Faiz Hamid. General Bajwa wanted a safe exit for himself the following year; talks had begun regarding his own financial matters. General Faiz Hamid was fanning the matters of General Bajwa. In General Bajwa's view, General Faiz Hamid, who possessed a highly aggressive temperament, had become such a monster on the chessboard of power that if he were not controlled, the Pakistani army would fall prey to problems and end up becoming the "Faiz Hamid Army."

General Bajwa started looking for alternatives to General Faiz Hamid and Imran Khan. While about half a dozen alternatives to Faiz Hamid were present in the army, there was no alternative to Imran Khan. When the search for an alternative to Imran Khan began, it was found that there was no one besides the Sharif family, but within the Sharif family, GHQ was not agreeable to Nawaz Sharif, and Shehbaz Sharif was trapped in his half a dozen diseases and wives. Apart from this, Nawaz Sharif was

never tolerant of making Shehbaz Sharif the Prime Minister; he kept considering this offer as a conspiracy of the army against him. Well, General Bajwa first cleared General Faiz Hamid's card and got rid of him by appointing him as Corps Commander Peshawar on November 19, 2021, declaring himself neutral. General Faiz Hamid remained there until August 8, 2022, and during this time, Imran Khan's downfall occurred. Imran Khan, to save his losing and unpopular government, even held General Bajwa's knees and ankles; it is said that Imran Khan went as far as offering a lifetime extension to General Bajwa, but General Bajwa did not listen to a single thing. So Imran Khan took the support of the American cipher and called General Bajwa an American slave, Mir Jafar, and Mir Sadiq; it even began to be said that only a donkey is neutral.

In place of General Faiz Hamid, the Commander of Karachi Corps V, Lieutenant General Nadeem Anjum, was appointed as DG ISI. General Nadeem Anjum had never held an intelligence posting and had barely remained the Karachi Corps Commander for about a year. General Nadeem Anjum had some other hobbies; he used to stay lost between two quarrelsome wives and several girlfriends. The military intelligence about General Nadeem Anjum was that he is highly apolitical and just stays absorbed in his hobbies. General Bajwa needed such a submissive ISI Chief, but the problem was that the appointment of the ISI Chief was made by the Prime Minister. Imran Khan made a lot of fuss and did not issue the notification for a week, but when a one-on-one meeting took place between them upon the intervention of President Arif Alvi, General Nadeem Anjum held Imran Khan's hand with both of his hands for a long time and assured him of his submissiveness.

Then, Imran Khan signed General Nadeem Anjum's notification with the date of November 20, 2021. The virtue of General Nadeem Anjum was that he kept nodding his head to everything; the effects of the previous night kept dominating his senses for the entire next day.

Now comes 2022. General Bajwa went around telling everyone in fact, he muttered loudly even in his sleep *"I am neutral, I am neutral."* Imran Khan's government had failed; General Faiz Hamid had gone to command the Peshawar Corps; Imran Khan's allies were ready for flight, only a signal was awaited. Many people made efforts to save Imran Khan's government, but General Bajwa had wrapped a muffler over his ears. Anyway, a motion of no-confidence was presented against Imran Khan on March 8, 2022, which, after various types of ridiculous constitutional and judicial somersaults, succeeded in the National Assembly on April 10, 2022, with 174 votes. Prior to this, on General Bajwa's orders, the 111 Brigade picked up judges at gunpoint, opened the Supreme Court at twelve midnight, and got President Arif Alvi's decision to dissolve the National Assembly suspended. Those who know say that in the beginning of February 2022 itself, General Faiz Hamid had given clear advice to Imran Khan from Peshawar that it was the best opportunity to turn the tables on General Bajwa: that Prime Minister Imran Khan, using his constitutional right, should ask the President of Pakistan to dissolve the National Assembly, so the assembly would end, and Imran Khan would enter the field in new elections with the slogan that *"it was a coalition government, the generals were not giving me the opportunity to work; if the nation gives me a clear majority, I will be able to work fully in the next term."* But Imran Khan did not listen to General Faiz Hamid and, on the basis of

mysterious spiritual reasons, kept making dangerous political blunders one after another until he reached jail.
Now let us return to the story of General Bajwa and General Faiz Hamid. General Bajwa did not let General Faiz Hamid complete even one year of commanding the Peshawar Corps and transferred him within nine months on August 8, 2022, making him the Commander of the Bahawalpur Corps. General Bajwa had now become a slave to two desires: first, a further three-year extension for himself; second, not letting General Faiz Hamid complete one year in any Corps so that General Faiz Hamid could not fulfill the basic conditions to become the Army Chief. The caretaker government, whose Prime Minister was Shehbaz Sharif, had assured General Bajwa of its complete submissiveness, upon which the ISI and MI were also giving reports to General Bajwa that Shehbaz Sharif is ready to give an extension to General Bajwa.

On the other hand, considering General Bajwa a disaster for himself, Mian Nawaz Sharif was by no means ready to give an extension to General Bajwa. London once again became the hub of conspiracy, and a long consultation took place between Nawaz Sharif, Shehbaz Sharif, Maryam Safdar, Khawaja Asif, and Ishaq Dar, in which DG ISI Lieutenant General Nadeem Anjum specially participated; the date was September 28, 2022. In this, Nawaz Sharif silently kept listening to the conversation of the participants. Khawaja Asif stated that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif wants to give a six-month extension to General Bajwa so that he may conduct the general elections proposed by GHQ in March 2023, and then the new government may come and appoint the new Army Chief. In this meeting, DG ISI General Nadeem Anjum

appeared in a new avatar and briefed the participants that General Bajwa does not want a three-year extension; rather, he only wants a further respite of two years and wants to conduct elections in 2024. Mian Nawaz Sharif was listening to this entire proceeding silently. He only asked who the senior generals are after General Bajwa, upon which the seniority list along with everyone's details was handed over to him. From this action, General Nadeem Anjum understood that Mian Nawaz Sharif is now not ready to give a further extension to General Bajwa, and General Nadeem Anjum made General Bajwa understand this very well upon his return: that you should now begin your farewell meetings.

Now the sun was about to set on the second claimant of *Immense Power* meaning General Bajwa.

It is very difficult to estimate whether General Bajwa or General Faiz Hamid sank each other. In our view, the longing for absolute military authority and power sank both of them! One habit was common between these two: that these two generals had never read any book in the past besides the courses for military examinations; there is hardly any book that these two might have read fully. To the extent that General Bajwa did not even read national and international newspapers and magazines; his reliance remained on the routine briefings of the uneducated havildars of the MI.

If I mention all the events, this tale will never end. Anyway, the dream of *Immense Power* has come to the current Army Chief as well, and by making the crippled government repeatedly make him Field Marshal and now Chief of Defence Forces, there is a longing for some kind of lifetime extension.

A few days ago, a friend asked who my favorite military personality is. Our answer was that among our favorite military personalities after the New Pakistan have been General Zia-ul-Haq, General Pervez Musharraf, and General Faiz Hamid. That gentleman started looking at my face and said, *"Sir, I did not understand..."* i said that because of the beauty with which these military generals have stripped naked the inhumane, immoral, and anti-democratic designs of their institution, we are their lovers, and now it feels as if the brand new Chief of Defence Forces is going to occupy the highest pedestal of our love.

The best lesson of history is that no one learns any lesson from history.